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**DETAILED ACTION** 

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclose statements filed 8/1/2000, 11/13/2000, and 6/16/2001, Paper

Nos. 13, 14, and 15, respectively have been fully considered by the examiner. Initialed copies of

the form are attached. The cited references do not affect the Patentability of the claims

corresponding to the proposed interference count. The application has been returned to the

Board of Appeals and Interferences for consideration.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Craig Thompson whose telephone number is (703) 305-4789.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The

examiner may be reached for assistance on procedural matters by electronic mail at

craig.thompson@uspto.gov.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Charles Bowers, can be reached at (703) 308-2416. Fax numbers for the group

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Any inquiry of a general nature relating to the status of this application should be directed

to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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